# **Supreme Court**

Article IV, State Constitution; RCW 2.04, 4.88

Request \$14,654,000

Net change from current biennium \$866,230 Increase

Percent change from current biennium 6.3% Increase

The Supreme Court is the state's highest court and serves as the final rule-making body for all other state courts. The court publishes opinions; sets precedents for subsequent cases decided in Washington; has original jurisdiction of petitions against state officers; reviews key trial court decisions; and provides continuing guidance for the judiciary. In addition, the Supreme Court has administrative responsibility for the state court system and supervisory responsibility over certain activities of the Washington State Bar Association, including attorney disciplinary matters.

#### **Agency Mission**

The Supreme Court, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Washington State Constitution and Chapter 2.04 RCW, is the state's "court of last resort" and is responsible for administering the judicial branch of state government. The court's mission remains one of providing an independent, accessible, and responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes.

# **Agency Level Summary**

#### **Operating Budget: Summary**

2013-15 Appropriations Amount	Estimated Balance	Appropriated Funds	Expenditures 2011-13 Actual	2013-15 Estimated	2015-17 Proposed
13,841,000	94,237	General Fund - Basic Account - State	13,348,181	13,746,763	14,654,000
		Non-Appropriated Funds			
		Savings Incentive Account - Non-Appropriated		41,007	

## **Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium**

	2011	-13 Actual	2013-15 Estimated		2015-17 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	(543,336)	(3.9)%	439,589	3.3%	866,230	6.3%

## **Employment Summary**

	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Proposed	2016-17 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	62.0	62.8	60.9	60.9	60.9